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Subject: Silver Falls Campground Hazard Trees, Entiat RD

To: Forest Supervisor, Wenatchee NF

On May 19, Roger Sandquist, Entomologist, and Craig Schmitt, Pathologist, both from Forest Pest Management, met with Monte Bickford, Tom Bebee, Larry Shaw, Dick Schelhaas, and Randy Niman. The purpose of the visit was to review pest incidence and the potential for pest problems in a seed orchard, several proposed seed orchard/progeny test sites, and Silver Falls Campground. This letter will only report on Silver Falls.

Silver Falls Campground is located along the Entiat River about 23 miles northwest of the town of Entiat. The site includes some of the few old-growth stands in the area. Species represented include grand fir, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, black cottonwood, western hemlock, western larch, and Douglas-fir.

Only a portion of the campground was inspected for hazard trees because of time constraints. Trees were reconnoitered for signs, symptoms, and indicators of failure potential. Trees suspected of having internal decay were checked with a cordless electric drill and 12" X 1/8" bit. Trees with a combination of at least a moderate probability of failure and potential for causing damage/injury upon failure were recommended for removal.

Most damage found was decay, resulting from old wounds. Some black cottonwood, grand fir, and western hemlock were affected. The level of damage was not high.

We recommend that a thorough hazard tree evaluation be done in this site. Forest Pest Management is available to do this work this year. We would like to combine this work trip with another now being planned on the Forest. We will contact Tom Bebee when scheduling is complete. We also recommend that a vegetative management plan be developed for this site. Tree species less susceptible to diseases and damage are available and should be managed for.

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